Please Join the Congressional High Tech Caucus for its Kick Off Event:

A Panel Discussion of the need for and provisions in the Patent Reform Act of 2007

We are writing to you today to ask you to join the bipartisan Congressional High Tech Caucus for its kick off event discussing the upcoming Patent Reform Act of 2007. The bill, which is similar to bipartisan legislation introduced last year, updates current patent laws to provide reform for patent seekers and patent holders. This event will bring together leaders from the public and private sector on this issue together to discuss this important legislation.

Date: Friday, July 13th, 2007

Time: 10 AM- 11 AM

Location: 2212 Rayburn (Members, staff & all interested parties welcome)

Guest Speakers: (moderated by Pavan Agarwal, Partner, Foley & Lardner, LLP)

- Representative Howard Berman (CA-28)
 Chairman, House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property
- Stan Fendley
 Director, Legislative and Regulatory Policy, Corning Incorporated
- Andy Cadel
 Patent Counsel, J.P. Morgan Chase & Company
- James Butler Senior Director for Patents, Amylin Pharmaceuticals, San Diego, CA
- John Vaughn
 Executive Vice President, Association of American Universities

The United States should be on the forefront of emerging technologies and high tech industries. By promoting dialogue and soliciting briefings on issues of interest, the Caucus strives to strengthen relations between Members of Congress and those involved in the tech industry. Our High Tech Caucus gives industry leaders, university and private researchers and interested groups the ability to share their ideas to improve our high tech sector, expand job growth and improve American competitiveness.

If you are interested in joining the Congressional High Tech Caucus, please have your staff contact Brooke Jamison in Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand's office (5-5614) or Gene Irisari in Congressman McCaul's office (5-2401).

Thank you,

/s /s

Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand Rep. Michael McCaul

Current Membership:

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